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The National Transit Institute, at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, is a training and education resource for the transit industry and is funded through a grant from the Federal Transit Administration

Purpose

This course will build on the National Highway Institute's introductory course on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), with special emphasis on transit and multimodal projects. Instructors will assume the participant's basic familiarity with NEPA and major environmental laws including the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act.

To be successful, the environmental process must involve a myriad of stakeholders and decision-makers that include numerous federal, state and local agencies, the public, and various legal and political representatives of these stakeholders. Practitioners involved in transportation project planning and development are often not sufficiently familiar with the broad reaching ramifications of either NEPA or the other environmental laws, regulations and policies invoked when evaluating a federally-funded project.

Managing the processes associated with successfully completing Environmental Impact Statements and Environmental Assessments can represent a major challenge for even the most experienced project managers and agencies. This course will focus on the management of environmental processes under NEPA and other environmental laws, regulations and policies that affect federally assisted transit programs. Particular emphasis will be placed on approaches, tools and techniques to conduct an integrated, streamlined process from initial planning through project development to foster transportation decision-making in a manner that is effective, efficient and environmentally sound.

Objectives

- Provide the historical background and policy goals of NEPA and the approach to achieving those goals as stated in the CEQ regulations.
- Outline the other Federal environmental laws, regulations and executive orders that relate to transportation decision-making.
- Explain the roles, responsibilities (i.e., legal, ethical, and contractual), and authority of the participants in the

- NEPA process, including the lead Federal agency, the lead non-Federal transportation agency, the MPO and other transportation agencies, consultants, the various Federal and State resource agencies, local governments, and the general public.
- Review the implications of various approaches to NEPA process coordination with resource agencies, local governments, elected officials and the public in terms of project responsiveness, project budgets, and project schedules.
- Demonstrate the effectiveness of the NEPA process as an open, flexible, multi-disciplinary evaluation tool for assessing and selecting alternative courses of action and developing community-responsive projects.
- Describe how to use the NEPA process to support decision-making and build consensus at all stages in the planning-project development continuum.
- Provide an update on emerging or evolving impact assessment issues such as accounting for environmental justice considerations, integration of Section 106 considerations.
- Analyze the management of the NEPA process, emphasizing techniques and lessons learned for how to streamline the process and conduct the process in a cost-effective and environmentally responsive manner.
- Address risk management techniques to address uncertainties in project definition, impact assessment, and funding.

Audience

This course is intended for practitioners with prior NEPA training or experience in both the NEPA process and the other environmental laws, regulations and policies that affect Federal transit programs. These include employees of organizations that have responsibility for or interest in, transit-related projects, including, but not limited to: transit agencies, state Departments Of Transportation (DOTs), Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), state/county/ local planning or environmental agencies, consultant firms, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Army Corps of Engineers, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and other Federal agencies.

Schedule

Day One Registration 8:00 am 8:30am-5:00pm
Day Two 8:30am-5:00pm
Day Three 8:00am-1:00pm

Course Instructors

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CEUs

Participants will be awarded 2 CEUs (continuing education credits) for full attendance of the course.

Registration Information

This course is designated as a Federal Program Responsibility topic and is free to public sector staffs engaged in the provision of mass transit services. Tuition is \$450 for all others including contractors and consultants. Registration is required for all participants. Payment is due with registration. Please include your check or money order payable to Rutgers University-NTI. If you are required to pay tuition, your registration cannot be processed without payment. Attendees should make their own travel and lodging arrangements. All training is held in accessible facilities. Please advise if you require special accommodations and course materials at least two weeks in advance of the course.

Refund and Cancellation Policy

Refunds take about five weeks to process. No refund will be issued if a FAX or written cancellation is not received and acknowledged. Cancellation with full refund will be accepted until 14 days prior to the class. No refunds will be given for cancellations received after that date. Those who have registered but are unable to attend may send a substitute, but please notify NTI.

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